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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 7, 2002, we respectfully ask leave to further amend as follows:

Kindly cancel Claims 1 and 6 without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

In the Claims

(Clean Copy As Amended)

Kindly add new Claim 34 and 35 as follows:

34. (New) An extruder mixer for plastified flowable materials comprising:
a housing having an inner wall containing an elongated screw and means for rotating said screw and said housing relative to each other,
said screw having a mixing section adapted to mix said materials with each other,
said mixing section of said screw having a substantially axially disposed upstream inlet channel,
said inlet channel being flowingly directed in a downstream direction,